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### CAST:

THE DOCTOR

MEL

GLITZ

ACE

HESS

ZED (CREWMAN)

BAZIN (GUARD)

EISENSTEIN (FEMALE GUARD)

KRACAUER (HESS'S MALE DEPUTY)

SCULPTOR

ARNHEIM (SHOP ASSISTANT)

ANDERSON (BARMAN)

BELAZS (HESS'S FEMALE DEPUTY)

FEMALE CUSTOMER IN REFRESHMENT BAR & FREEZER CENTRE

### HEARD, NOT SEEN

ANNOUNCER FOR FREEZER CENTRE P.A.

#### NON-SPEAKING

CUSTOMERS IN FREEZER CENTRE (including FEMALE CUSTOMER'S CHILD)

GLITZ'S CREWMEN/WOMEN

FATUOUS COUPLE IN REFRESHMENT BAR

OTHER CUSTOMERS IN REFRESHMENT BAR

THE CREATURE

### SETS:

Cryogenics Chamber

Tardis Console Room

Freezer Centre/Refreshment Bar (Composite)

Restricted Zone/ Hess's Control Room (Composite)

Ice Passage la/lb/lc

Ice Passage 2a/2b/2c

Ice Passage 3a/3b/3c

(a. version = superstructure and gantries (2a. has a bulkhead door)

b. version = dark, black ice

c. version = multi-coloured lights)

Ace's Quarters

Alien Chamber

Upper Docking Bay (also doubles as Lower)

Nosferatu Control Room

### MODEL SHOTS:

SPACE: The planet Tartros, spaceship docking.

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# 1. INT. CRYOGENICS CHAMBER.

(A DARK CHAMBER.

ROW UPON ROW OF
VERTICAL TUBES,
MOSTLY OPAQUE
WITH FROST, BUT
CONTAINING
MOTIONLESS
FIGURES. OTHER
CONTAINERS AND
EQUIPMENT STEAM
WITH LOWTEMPERATURE GASES.

ZED AND FIVE
OTHER CREWMEN/
WOMEN ARE LINED
UP, WITH TWO
GUARDS, BAZIN,
(MALE) AND
EISENSTEIN,
(FEMALE), STANDING
OVER THEM.

THE SIX CREWMEN/ WOMEN ARE TREACHEROUS THUGS.

BAZIN AND
EISENSTEIN WEAR
MENACING WHITE
UNIFORMS BEARING
THE ICEWORLD
INSIGNIA AND THE
GUARDS' NAMES.

(Note: All Iceworld personnel including Hess, have a name patch on their uniform. Ace - Scene 5 - is the only exception)

SERGEANT KRACAUER PACES IN FRONT OF THE CREWMEN/WOMEN.

HE IS A STRONG, HARD-FACED AFRO OR CARIBBEAN, ALSO WEARING THE ICEWORLD MILITARY UNIFORM)

KRACAUER: Oh, you lucky, lucky people. You are the chosen ones. The elite. Specially selected to join our force of mercenaries and create fear and terror wherever you go.

ZED: (HARSH, VENOMOUS) We were tricked.

KRACAUER: Hess paid 17 crowns for each of you, and he insists on value for money.

ZED: 17 crowns? You couldn't buy a dog for 17 crowns.

(KRACAUER TURNS ON ZED)

KRACAUER: Precisely. I wouldn't have paid 17 crowns for the lot of you, let alone each. But Hess paid your former captain 102 crowns for the six of you.

ZED: I'll murder that doublecrossing cockroach if I ever ...

(KRACAUER GRABS ZED.

KRACAUER IS IMMENSELY STRONGER, AND ZED KNOWS IT)

KRACAUER: (BREAKING IN, HARD)
You will do exactly as you are
ordered. Hess has bought you, and
you will do exactly as he orders.

(KRACAUER SEES THE FEAR IN ZED'S FACE, AND HE LAUGHS, DEEP AND RICH.

HE RELEASES ZED WITH A SLIGHT PUSH.

ZED FALLS BACK AND CLUTCHES AT A STEAMING, OPEN-TOPPED VAT. HIS FACE CONTORTS IN PAIN)

ZED: (EXCLAMATION OF PAIN) Agh!

(ZED PULLS BACK HIS HAND. IT IS BURNT.

HE LOOKS AT KRACAUER IN INCOMPREHENSION.

KRACAUER LAUGHS AGAIN)

KRACAUER: Only frost-burn.

ZED: Frost-burn ...?

KRACAUER: The vat contains liquid nitrogen. Minus-200 degrees Celsius. Just be thankful your arm didn't go inside the vat. Otherwise it wouldn't have come out again.

(KRACAUER LAUGHS, THEN TURNS TO EISENSTEIN)

Right - freeze them.

(CONSTERNATION AMONG THE CREWMEN/WOMEN)

ZED: Wait! You mean we're going to be frozen?

KRACAUER: Until Hess needs your services, yes. What's the matter - getting cold feet?

(KRACAUER LAUGHS.

ZED LOOKS ROUND QUICKLY, AND SEES THAT THE GUARDS' ATTENTION IS ON THE OTHER CREWMEN/WOMEN.

ZED TAKES HIS OPPORTUNITY, AND THROWS HIMSELF ON BAZIN.

HE GRABS BAZIN'S GUN, AND FIRES OFF SEVERAL SHOTS.

(Note: Throughout, guns are of the pulse-beam variety, not continuous beam. And the pulses explode on impact)

CONFUSION FOLLOWS ZED'S SHOTS, AND HE MAKES HIS ESCAPE)

KRACAUER: (TO EISENSTEIN, HARD)
Kill him.

(EISENSTEIN FIRES AFTER ZED.

ZED WRENCHES OPEN A DOOR MARKED 'RESTRICTED ZONE' AND ESCAPES THROUGH IT.

EISENSTEIN FIRES A COUPLE MORE SHOTS AFTER ZED)

(TO EISENSTEIN) Leave him. He's in the restricted zone. He's a dead man.

(KRACAUER LAUGHS)

## 2. INT. RESTRICTED ZONE.

(THE CHILL GLOOM OF A DEEP CRYOGENESIS CHAMBER.

THE ATMOSPHERE
IS A COMBINATION
OF THE DISTANT
THUNDERING ECHO
OF ICEBERGS
SHEARING AWAY
FROM ONE ANOTHER,
AND THE CLOSER
TINKLE OF ICICLES:
BOTH THREATENING
AND BEAUTIFUL.

THERE IS ALSO A TAPPING SOUND, LIKE A CHISEL AGAINST ICE.

VATS OF LIQUID NITROGEN STEAM, AND OTHER EQUIPMENT STANDS ENCRUSTED IN ICE.

ZED APPEARS, MOVING NERVOUSLY AMONG THE BOULDERS OF ICE AND THE EQUIPMENT.

AS HE MOVES DEEPER INTO THE RESTRICTED ZONE, THE TAPPING SOUND GROWS NEARER. HE FOLLOW IT.

THE TAPPING SOUND IS COMING FROM BEHIND A HUGE PIECE OF EQUIPMENT.

ZED LEAPS ROUND
THE EQUIPMENT,
LEVELLING HIS
GUN AT THE SOURCE
OF THE SOUND, AND
HE SEES A
SCULPTOR, TAPPING
WITH HAMMER AND
CHISEL AT A 2METRE BLOCK OF
CLEAR ICE.

A HORIZONTAL, COFFIN-LIKE CABINET STANDS NEARBY.

THE SCULPTOR STOPS WHEN ZED APPEARS.

HE STANDS
MOTIONLESS,
LOOKING AT ZED
APPREHENSIVELY BUT
NOT WITH OUTRIGHT
FEAR.

ZED IS STARTLED
AND CONFUSED BY
THE UNEXPECTEDNESS
OF WHAT HE SEES.
HE WHEELS ROUND
WITH HIS GUN, AT
THE POSSIBILITY
OF ATTACK FROM
BEHIND.

THERE'S NOTHING THERE.

HE WHEELS BACK TOWARDS THE SCULPTOR.

BREATHING HEAVILY NOW WITH FEAR, ZED TURNS AND SCRAMBLES AWAY.

HE SLIPS ON THE ICE.

HIS GUN TUMBLES INTO A VAT OF LIQUID NITROGEN.

ZED BURNS HIS HAND ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE VAT)

ZED: (EXCLAMATION OF PAIN) Agh!

(ZED PULLS HIS HAND AWAY, AND LOOKS INTO THE VAT WHERE HIS WEAPON DISAPPEARED.

TENTATIVELY, HE
TRIES TO REACH
INTO THE VAT TO
RECOVER THE GUN,
BUT HE PULLS BACK
EACH TIME, KNOWING
THAT HIS ARM
WOULDN'T SURVIVE.

SUDDENLY, ANOTHER ARM, WEARING BLACK CLOTHING AND A BLACK GLOVE, PLUNGES INTO THE VAT.

ZED GAZES AT THE ARM WITH FEAR AND ASTONISHMENT.

THE ARM PULLS THE GUN OUT OF THE VAT.

ZED'S GAZE FOLLOWS THE ARM UP TO HESS'S FACE.

WITH AN EVIL SMILE, HESS RETURNS THE GUN TO ZED.

MESMERIZED, ZED ACCEPTS THE GUN.

HE INSTANTLY FEELS THE BITING COLD OF THE WEAPON, AND DROPS IT)

Agh!

(THE GUN SHATTERS COMPLETELY AS IT HITS THE ICE.

ZED LOOKS BACK TO HESS, FROZEN WITH TERROR.

HESS REMOVES BOTH HIS GLOVES.

HE REACHES FORWARD AND TAKES ZED'S FACE BETWEEN HIS HANDS.

ZED IMMEDIATELY FEELS THE PAIN AND BEGINS TO STRUGGLE.

HESS MAINTAINS
THE CONTACT
BETWEEN HIS HANDS
AND ZED, AS ZED'S
STRUGGLES BECOME
MORE VIOLENT,
MORE DESPERATE.

FINALLY, ZED DIES, AND HE FALLS AT HESS'S FEET.

HESS TURNS BACK TO THE SCULPTOR.

THE SCULPTOR'S EXPRESSION IS OBEDIENT, NOT FEARFUL, THAT OF A DEVOTED SERVANT)

HESS: Pay no attention to the
intruder. You may return to your
work.

(THE SCULPTOR TURNS BACK TO THE BLOCK OF ICE AND RESUMES HIS TASK.

AN IMAGE OF HESS STANDING OVER THE SCULPTOR LIKE A FIGURE OF DEATH)

# MODEL SHOT 1:

A planet, blisteringly hot on one side, dark and cold on the other.

On the dark side:
Iceworld - a
hemispherical structure
formed from a crystalline
lattice.

Two tiny spacecraft - one of them docking at one of the colony's crystalline outer limbs, the other just leaving.

## 3. INT. TARDIS CONSOLE ROOM.

(A SIMILAR VIEW OF ICEWORLD ON THE VIEWING SCREEN)

MEL: (0.0.V.) Where is it?

(PULL BACK TO REVEAL THE DOCTOR AND MEL PEERING AT THE VIEWING SCREEN)

THE DOCTOR: Iceworld. A space trading colony on the dark side of the planet Tartros. Space travellers stop here for supplies. I've been picking up some faint tracking signals. (BEAMING EXCITEDLY) I'm sure there's something interesting going on, Mel.

## 4. INT. FREEZER CENTRE.

(A FREEZER CENTRE, FULL OF FREEZER CABINETS AND CHESTS.

AN ASSISTANT,
NAMED ARNHEIM,
WEARING A LESS
MILITARY VERSION
OF THE ICEWORLD
UNIFORM, SERVES A
CUSTOMER ACCOMPANIED
BY A 6 OR 7 YEAR-OLD
CHILD.

POSTERS ON THE
WALLS AND HANGING
OVER THE FREEZER
CHESTS ADVERTISE
SPECIAL OFFERS:
'ICEWORLD FREE
RANGE PHOENIX EGGS 19.95 CROWNS PER
MEGAGRAM', 'SPECIAL
OFFER! CRAB
NEBULA PASTIES NOW ONLY 9.95
CROWNS PER 1000',
AND SO ON.

MUSAK DRIFTS OUT OF THE P.A.

THERE IS A BING-BONG OVER THE P.A. FOLLOWED BY A DISTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:)

ANNOUNCER: (O.O.V.) Don't miss our latest special offer in the Motoring Spares Department - photon refrigeration units for only 24.95. Thank you. (BING-BONG)

(WITH THE FAMILIAR GRINDING SOUND, THE TARDIS MATERIALIZES IN AN EMPTY CORNER.

THE CHILD SEES
IT MATERIALIZE,
AND TUGS AT
THE CUST OMER'S
CLOTHING TO
PAY ATTENTION.
BUT THE CUSTOMER
IS TOO BUSY.

THE DOCTOR AND MEL EMERGE FROM THE TARDIS.

THE DOCTOR PEERS
AROUND INQUISITIVELY.
MEL LOOKS DISMAYED)

MEL: A freezer centre ...?

THE DOCTOR: Trust not to appearances, Mel. There's no knowing what might be lurking in the freezer chests. Think Gothic ...

(ANNOUNCER O.O.V. BACKGROUND BING-BONG)

ANNOUNCER: (0.0.V.) Miss Kael to Checkout 1012 please. Miss Kael to Checkout 1012. (BING-BONG)

(MEL GIVES THE DOCTOR A LOOK - AS ONE MIGHT A DOTTY UNCLE)

THE DOCTOR: Follow me.

(HE SCURRIES OFF THROUGH A DOOR MARKED 'REFRESHMENT BAR' WITH MEL IN TOW)

### 5. INT. REFRESHMENT BAR.

(A CROSS BETWEEN
A CAFETERIA AND
A WILD WEST
SALOON: A SALOON
BAR WITH CHROME
AND FORMICA
FURNITURE. THE
ATMOSPHERE IS
THAT OF A FRONTIER
POST.

THE BARMAN,
NAMED ANDERSON,
IS POLISHING GLASSES
BEHIND THE BAR,
WHILE ACE - A
REBELLIOUS-LOOKING,
16/17-YEAR-OLD
GIRL - CARRIES
DRINKS TO TABLES.

THE MUSAK PERVADES THE BAR ALSO.

THE DOCTOR AND
MEL ENTER FROM
THE FREEZER CENTRE,
AND LOOK ROUND)

MEL: (EVEN MORE INCREDULOUS) A bar ...?

(THE DOCTOR STRAIGHTENS HIMSELF, AND MAKES FOR THE BAR, PROPELLING MEL ALONGSIDE)

THE DOCTOR: (TO ANDERSON) Two of your best vanilla milk shakes, please.

ANDERSON: Certainly, sir.

GLITZ: (O.O.V. TO ACE) There must be some mistake with the reckoning, Sprog.

(WITHOUT REALIZING IT, THE DOCTOR AND MEL ARE SITTING BACK-TO-BACK WITH GLITZ. BUT THEIR EARS PRICK UP WHEN THEY HEAR HIS VOICE.

ACE'S EYES BLAZE BACK AT GLITZ)

ACE: The mistake's in your wallet, not my arithmetic. And don't try and pay in Nebulous Shillings, neither. I got into trouble for accepting them yesterday.

(ACE WEARS THE ICEWORLD UNIFORM, BUT SHE'S STILL RECOGNIZABLY FROM EARTH - 1987 VINTAGE.

SHE WEARS A
STREET-SUSS AIR,
AND SHE SEEMS
TO BE INCESSANTLY
BOUNCING TO SOME
RHYTHM IN HER
HEAD. THE NAME
PATCH ON HER
UNIFORM HAS BEEN
TORN OFF.

GLITZ IS GLITZ -AN INTERGALACTIC ROGUE RIGHT DOWN TO THE ASTEROID DUST ON HIS BOOTS)

GLITZ: Do you take Asteroid Express ...?

(THE DOCTOR AND MEL BOTH TURN ON GLITZ, EXCLAIMING SIMULTANEOUSLY:)

THE DOCTOR: Glitz!

MEL: Glitz!

(GLITZ CHOKES ON HIS MILK SHAKE.

AN INSTINCTIVE RESPONSE TO HEARING HIS NAME)

GLITZ: What ...? No ... never heard of him ...

(GLITZ LOOKS AT THE DOCTOR, BUT DOESN'T RECOGNIZE HIM:

ANNOUNCER O.O.V. ONLY FAINTLY AUDIBLE. BING-BONG)

ANNOUNCER: (O.O.V.) Ladies, why not visit our Fashion Department and see our wide selection of anti-gravity lingerie? (BING-BONG)

MEL: (OVER THE ANNOUNCEMENT) It's us - Mel and the Doctor. You haven't forgotten, have you, Glitz?

(GLITZ VAGUELY RECOGNIZES MEL, BUT CAN'T QUITE PLACE THE FACE)

GLITZ: (HISSING) Shh - keep your voice down! No, of course I haven't forgotten you ... er ... Mel and the Doctor ... (cont...)

(IT BEGINS TO DAWN ON HIM)

Space race ... You're not the Doctor ...

THE DOCTOR: I've regenerated.
The difference is purely perceptual.

GLITZ: Oh ... right ...

(GLITZ IS OUT OF HIS DEPTH)

ACE: 'ere - what about this bill?

GLITZ: You couldn't help me out, could you, Doctor? I appear to be temporarily financially embarrassed.

(THE DOCTOR PRODUCES HIS WALLET)

THE DOCTOR: This is only a loan, you understand.

GLITZ: You're a gent.

(THE DOCTOR HANDS A 10-CROWN NOTE TO ACE)

You couldn't do me another favour, could you? You see, I'm in a spot of bother.

THE DOCTOR: What is it this time, Glitz? Another dodgy deal of yours backfired?

GLITZ: No, nothing like that - straight up. Fact is ... (cont...)

(GLITZ GLANCES ROUND, AND THEN BECKONS THE DOCTOR AND MEL CLOSER)

GLITZ: (cont) ... I'm on a mission of highly philanthropic nature.

MEL: (ALSO HUSHED) What's that?

(GLITZ GIVES HER A PUZZLED LOOK)

GLITZ: It means it's beneficial to mankind.

(MEL AND THE DOCTOR DOUBLE-TAKE)

MEL: I know what philanthropic
means! What's the mission?

GLITZ: I have been entrusted with the delivery of certain secret documents, which unnamed nefarious parties would stop at nothing to grasp within their own grubby digits.

THE DOCTOR: You mean ... they'd ...

MEL: (GULPS) ... kill you ...?

(AS THEY LOOK AT GLITZ, A HAND FALLS ON HIS SHOULDER.

THEY LOOK UP, AND FIND GUNS LEVELLED AT THEM.

CAPTAIN BELAZS
PULLS GLITZ
ROUND. SHE IS
FLANKED BY BAZIN
AND EISENSTEIN.
BELAZS IS A
TALL WOMAN IN
HER 30s, WITH
A CRUEL BEAUTY.
(Note: The 'zs'
of 'BELAZS' is
pronounced as
in Zsa Zsa Gabor))

BELAZS: Sabalom Glitz. We've been looking for you.

MEL: Leave him alone! If you kill him, you'll have to kill us too!

THE DOCTOR: Steady on, now, Mel ...

BELAZS: What are you talking about?

MEL: He's told us everything. About how you want to stop him delivering his secret documents.

GLITZ: Shh ...

(GLITZ SMILES WEAKLY AT BELAZS)

BELAZS: (TO GLITZ) Becoming quite a story-teller, aren't we, Glitz? (TO MEL) I'm afraid you also seem to be a victim of Mr. Glitz's cavalier attitude toward facts.

THE DOCTOR: (WITH RISING REPROACH)
Glitz ...

BELAZS: The truth is, I'm not interested in any secret documents which Mr. Glitz may or may not possess. (cont...)

BELAZS: (cont) I'm more concerned with the 100 crowns he took off my employer, Mr. Hess, under false pretences.

GLITZ: That was highest quality merchandise ...

BELAZS: (TURNING ON GLITZ) A spacefreighter-full of deep frozen fruit, which turned out to be rotten!

GLITZ: A bit on the ripe side, maybe ...

BELAZS: They were putrifying, Glitz!

GLITZ: A little past their prime, possibly ...

BELAZS: And Mr. Hess does not run Iceworld to subsidize crooks like yourself. The 100 crowns, please.

(GLITZ LOOKS TO THE DOCTOR FOR HELP)

THE DOCTOR: I think you'd better return the money, Glitz.

GLITZ: I can't ...

THE DOCTOR: Why not?

GLITZ: Well, there was this game of
cards ... I got well damaged ...

BELAZS: What about the 102 crowns you sold your crew for?

MEL: (APPALLED) Sold your crew ...?

(GLITZ TO MEL AND THE DOCTOR)

GLITZ: The mutinous rabble. Tried to take control of the spacecraft. But they got spanked all the same. I relieved myself of them for 17 crowns each, which was twice as much as they were worth.

BELAZS: The money ...

(GLITZ SMILES WEAKLY AT HER)

GLITZ: Gone the way of all organic matter, I'm afraid. I got well damaged ...

BELAZS: In that case, we're confiscating your spacecraft.

GLITZ: The Nosferatu? You can't do that!

BELAZS: You have 72 hours to find the 100 crowns, or you lose your spacecraft.

(BELAZS AND THE GUARDS LEAVE)

GLITZ: You've got to help me, Doctor.

THE DOCTOR: You've only yourself to blame.

GLITZ: Mel - think of the adventures we had together ...

MEL: (ANGRY) You never change, do you?

### 6. INT. CRYOGENICS CHAMBER.

(A FIFTH TUBE
IS DESCENDING
OVER THE IMMOBILE
FORM OF A
CREWWOMAN.

THE OTHER FOUR ARE ALREADY ENCASED.

KRACAUER AND HESS LOOK ON)

KRACAUER: You're going to have trouble with this lot when you defrost them, Mr. Hess.

HESS: Trouble?

KRACAUER: They didn't volunteer
willingly.

HESS: Ah ... 'willingly' ... But none of my mercenary force will be 'willing' when I bring them out of cryo-sleep. Neither 'willing' nor 'unwilling'. Cryo-sleep causes complete loss of memory. With no memories, they will have no past, no future, no will of their own. No purpose except to obey me. Through them, I shall be invincible. My power shall be absolute ...

(HESS'S FACE IS CONTORTED WITH CRUELTY)

### 7. INT. REFRESHMENT BAR.

(THE DOCTOR AND MEL ARE SUCKING ON THEIR STRAWS.

GLITZ IS IN DISGRACE.

ACE IS ARGUING WITH ANDERSON)

ACE: ... It's not my fault!

(INDICATES A FATUOUS LOOKING COUPLE AT A TABLE)

First they asked for two strawberry milkshakes - then one strawberry milkshake and one bilberry juice - then two bilberry juices. How was I supposed to know the bimbo had changed her mind again?

ANDERSON: And we'll have less of your insolence, young lady.

ACE: (STILL GRUMBLING) I'm not telepathic ...

ANDERSON: You will do as you are told. Now less of your lip - or you're out on your ear.

ACE: (SULLEN) Yes, Mr. Anderson ... (cont ...)

(ACE SHUFFLES OVER TO THE DOCTOR AND MEL)

ACE TO MEL AND THE DOCTOR:)

ACE: (cont) If I didn't need the money, I'd chuck this job. (MIMICS) 'You will do as you are told'. If you want to know where the dragon is, I think it's him.

MEL: Dragon? What dragon?

ACE: It's just a legend. There's supposed to be a terrifying dragon living in the Ice Passages underneath Iceworld. We ought to send Mr. Anderson down there to join it.

(MEL TURNS TO THE DOCTOR WITH A SMILE)

MEL: Now I get it. I knew there must be a reason why you brought us here. You want to see a dragon, don't you?

THE DOCTOR: (BURSTING WITH ENTHUSIASM) No, really, Mel - it's fascinating. Lots of people claim to have seen it, over the centuries - but there's never been any proof, see?

MEL: You mean, like the Loch Ness monster?

ACE: You're going to go looking for the dragon?

THE DOCTOR: Absolutely!

ACE: Nah - it's just tinsel, innit?

THE DOCTOR: That's the whole point!

If we were searching after an
everyday dog or rabbit, it wouldn't
be half as exciting!

ACE: What - you're really going to do it?

THE DOCTOR: Just watch!

ACE: Cor - can I come too?

(THIS PULLS THE DOCTOR UP)

THE DOCTOR: (CONCERNED) Are you sure you won't get into trouble with your boss ...?

ACE: Aw - I'm fed up of being a waitress. Go on, Professor - let me come too ...

THE DOCTOR: Well ... I don't see why not.

ACE: Ace! And can we search for the treasure too?

THE DOCTOR: Treasure?

ACE: Yeah - the dragon's supposed to be guarding a fabulous treasure.

(GLITZ'S EARS PRICK UP AT THE MENTION OF TREASURE)

GLITZ: Treasure? What treasure? You don't want to go believing in myths and legends, Doctor.

MEL: Who asked you? We're not talking to you.

GLITZ: (IGNORING MEL) No - you want my opinion, Doctor, this talk of dragons and treasure, it's all a load of space dust.

ACE: Well, if you're so convinced it's all rubbish ...

(ACE SNATCHES AN OLD DOCUMENT FROM GLITZ)

... why have you been burning holes in this treasure map for the last two days?

(SHE BRANDISHES THE MAP)

GLITZ: Here, give us that back ...

# 8. INT. HESS'S CONTROL ROOM.

(MOST OF THE CONTROLS AND DISPLAYS ARE BLANK AND LIFELESS.

BELAZS IS REPORTING TO HESS)

BELAZS: He says he lost the money in a game of cards.

HESS: I know he lost the money in a game of cards. The game was fixed. Sabalom Glitz could never resist an easy opportunity to make money.

BELAZS: I gave him 72 hours in which to find the money, or we confiscate his spacecraft.

HESS: And the map?

BELAZS: He's convinced it's genuine.

HESS: Excellent. He'll soon realize that if he wants to see his spacecraft again, he has no alternative but to go after the treasure. And when he does, I'll be with him - every step of the way.

BELAZS: There's just one thing.

HESS: Yes?

BELAZS: He appears to have two
colleagues.

HESS: Colleagues? I thought he
sold his entire crew?

BELAZS: They're not from his crew. Space travellers - a girl and a man. Do you want them eliminated?

(HESS CONSIDERS THIS)

HESS: Not for the moment, I think. There's no reason for them to suspect that the seal on the treasure map contains a tracking device.

BELAZS: As you wish.

HESS: They may even help Glitz find
the treasure more speedily. And
once they have located the treasure,
I shall follow the tracking device
to locate them.

(HESS CACKLES)

### 9. INT. REFRESHMENT BAR.

(CLOSE-UP ON THE RED WAX SEAL ON GLITZ'S TREASURE MAP)

THE DOCTOR: (0.0.V.) Fascinating, absolutely fascinating ...

(PULL BACK TO REVEAL THE DOCTOR PORING OVER THE MAP, WHILE GLITZ LOOKS ON ANXIOUSLY)

ACE: You don't want to go and believe nothing you get from him, Professor. He probably bought two hundred of them in a job lot.

GLITZ: (INDIGNANT) Here, there's nothing snide about this document.

MEL: It looks like something from a jumble sale to me.

GLITZ: Do you mind? This is the genuine oyster, this is. It comes from an unimpeachable source.

ACE: What's that, then?

(GLITZ GIVES ACE A PUZZLED LOOK)

GLITZ: It's something that's beyond reproach or question.

(ACE AND MEL DOUBLE-TAKE, THEN:

ACE GLARES AT GLITZ)

ACE: (DELIBERATELY) I know what unimpeachable means, birdbath. But what makes you so certain that this map's pedigree is 24-carat?

GLITZ: Because I acquired it from a man of character and distinction.

MEL: How?

GLITZ: I won it in a ...

(REALIZES WHAT HE'S SAYING)

chess match ... (TAILS OFF)

MEL: (APPALLED) You won it playing
cards ...?

(MEL TURNS ON THE DOCTOR, WHO IS LOST IN EXAMINATION OF THE MAP)

It's a waste of time, Doctor. He won it in a card game.

GLITZ: An honest transaction. The man was desperate not to lose that map. Said he'd give me 20 crowns instead, if I'd wait for him to get the readies. So I knew the map must be something very tasty.

THE DOCTOR: It shows the lower levels of Iceworld.

ACE: Nobody goes down there, now. Too dangerous.

THE DOCTOR: Look: (READS) The Ice Garden ... The Singing Trees ...

GLITZ: But like the girl says, Doctor - it's too dangerous.

THE DOCTOR: Where's your sense of adventure, Glitz?

GLITZ: But look at this ... You don't want to go here, Doctor. (READS) The Lake of Oblivion ...

(THE DOCTOR'S EYES LIGHT UP)

THE DOCTOR: (EXCITED) Really?
Where's that?

GLITZ: The Death of Eternal Darkness
... Dragon Fire ... I should stop
at home if I were you.

(ACE'S FACE IS LIGHTING UP AS WELL)

ACE: Cor - this sounds brill!

THE DOCTOR: My sentiments precisely. What's your name, incidentally?

ACE: Everyone calls me Ace.

(THE DOCTOR PROFFERS HIS HAND)

THE DOCTOR: Pleased to meet you, Ace. I'm the Doctor - and this is my friend Mel.

ACE: And we're really off looking for dragons?

GLITZ: Too risky, if you ask me.

THE DOCTOR: Nonsense, Glitz.
Faint heart ne'er won a sow's ear.
We've just nice time for a quick
adventure, and then back in time for
supper.

ACE: Ace!

MEL: That's the spirit; Doctor!

GLITZ: Hang about ... You can't go without me ... It's my map. And I'd rather not have any girls coming with us.

ACE: (BLAZING) What?

GLITZ: It's too dangerous.

(ACE TURNS TO THE DOCTOR FOR HELP)

ACE: Professor ...?

GLITZ: And since it's my map ...

(ACE KNOWS SHE'S LOST, AND SHE'S FURIOUS) ACE: Right, you male chauvinist toerag! Just you wait! I'll ...

(UNABLE TO COME UP WITH A CONVINCING THREAT, ACE STORMS OFF DOWN THE BAR.

THE DOCTOR SIGHS)

THE DOCTOR: Oh dear - and I was
so looking forward to meeting a
dragon ...

MEL: It's all right, Doctor. You go ahead.

(TURNS ANGRILY ON GLITZ)

And if Glitz burns his fingers in the dragon's fire - well ... it serves him right!

GLITZ: Just the two of us, then, Doctor ...

## 10. INT. CRYOGENICS CHAMBER.

(HESS IS ALONE, GLIDING SILENTLY AMONGST HIS FROZEN ARMY OF MERCENARIES.

BELAZS STANDS WAITING)

HESS: Only two of them, you say?

BELAZS: Glitz and the traveller called the Doctor. They're just setting off for the lower levels.

<u>HESS:</u> Excellent. Continue to monitor the tracking device.

(HESS TURNS AWAY.

BELAZS DOESN'T LEAVE.

HESS TURNS BACK TO HER)

Well?

BELAZS: It's Glitz's spacecraft...

HESS: What of it?

BELAZS: It's just that ... (TAILS OFF)

HESS: Yes ...?

BELAZS: Well, if Glitz and the Doctor are as good as dead ... (DEEP BREATH) I'd like the spacecraft.

(HESS STEPS TOWARDS BELAZS.

SHE WATCHES HIM CAREFULLY)

HESS: You'd like the spacecraft, would you?

(HE BEGINS TO REMOVE ONE GLOVE.

BELAZS IS TENSE)

When you first came here, you had nothing. You were willing enough to join me then. Willing enough to take my payment. But now you want to leave.

(HESS BEGINS TO CIRCLE BEHIND BELAZS)

Perhaps you have memories of home.
Perhaps you think you can return
home. Perhaps I should have put
you into cryo-sleep along with all
the others, and erased your memories.

(HESS GRABS BELAZS'S ARM AND FORCES HER HAND DOWN ONTO A CONTROL DESK, PALM DOWN.

HE BRINGS HIS UNGLOVED HAND SLOWLY DOWN ON BELAZS'S OUTSPREAD HAND. SHE FIGHTS TO HIDE HER TERROR)

Perhaps you need reminding... (cont...)

(WITH A SUDDEN MOVEMENT, HESS PRESSES HIS HAND DOWN, NOT ON TOP OF BELAZS'S, BUT ALONGSIDE IT.

THERE IS A HISS AS THE INTENSE COLD OF HIS FLESH MAKES CONTACT WITH THE CONTROL DESK)

HESS: (cont) I own you ...

(HESS WRENCHES BELAZS'S ARM ROUND SO THAT IT IS PALM UP.

THE ICEWORLD INSIGNIA IS BRANDED ON HER PALM.

(Note: If the actress playing Belazs is left-handed, all this action refers to her left hand: otherwise, her right hand))

For as long as you bear my mark, I own you ...

(HE QUICKLY RELEASES BELAZS AND STRIDES ROUND THE CONTROL DESK.

HE JABS A BUTTON.

KRACAUER'S VOICE REPLIES OVER AN INTERCOME:) KRACAUER: (0.0.V.) Yes, sir?

HESS: Glitz's spacecraft - have
it destroyed ...

### 11. INT. REFRESHMENT BAR.

(ACE IS SERVING THE CUSTOMER AND CHILD WITH MILKSHAKES.

SHE AND MEL ARE BOTH IN A FOUL MOOD)

ANNOUNCER: (0.0.V. DISTANT. BING-BONG) Would the emergency services please report to the Upper Docking Bay and deal with an icefall? Thank you. (BING-BONG)

(ACE RETURNS TO THE BAR)

MEL: This is all your fault.

ACE: How do you work that out, then?

MEL: You were encouraging them both. (MIMICS) 'Oh, brill!' 'Oh, ace!'

(BEFORE ACE CAN RESPOND, THE CUSTOMER CALLS FROM ONE OF THE TABLES)

CUSTOMER: You girl! (cont ...)

(ACE LOOKS ROUND TO MAKE SURE THERE'S NO-ONE ELSE THE CUSTOMER COULD BE CALLING) <u>CUSTOMER:</u> (<u>cont</u>) Yes, you girl. Come here!

(ACE WANDERS OVER UNWILLINGLY.

ACE, TO THE CUSTOMER, INSOLENT:)

ACE: What do you want?

(THE CUSTOMER TAKES THE CHILD'S MILKSHAKE)

CUSTOMER: This milkshake. It isn't adequately shaken.

ACE: Well, that's how they come, missus.

CUSTOMER: It's got lumps in it.

MEL: It's supposed to have lumps
in it. That's the ice-cream.

CUSTOMER: We don't want lumps in it. Shake it some more.

ACE: Shake it yourself!

CUSTOMER: I beg your pardon!

ACE: You heard.

CUSTOMER: I've never been so insulted ...!

ACE: I bet you've never had a milkshake tipped over your head before, neither ...

(ACE TAKES THE MILKSHAKE, AND TIPS IT OVER THE CUSTOMER'S HEAD.

THE CUSTOMER SPLUTTERS, WHILE THE CHILD LOOKS ON OPEN-EYED.

ACE SEES MEL LAUGHING AT THE CUSTOMER)

(TO MEL) And you can mind your own business ...

(SHE TAKES THE SECOND MILK-SHAKE AND THROWS IT AT MEL.

MEL SEES IT COMING, AND DUCKS.

THE MILKSHAKE GOES OVER ANDERSON, THE BARMAN.

ACE KNOWS SHE'S DONE IT THIS TIME)

ANDERSON: That does it! You're fired!

ACE: I'm sorry, it won't happen again.

ANDERSON: Get out! I've had enough of you!

ACE: I promise, it'll never happen again.

ANDERSON: Get out!

(ANDERSON TURNS ON MEL)

You too! Get out!

MEL: Me ...?

ANDERSON: Both of you, out! Pair of troublemakers! Hooligans!

(MEL AND ACE ARE BOOTED OUT OF THE REFRESHMENT BAR)

ANNOUNCER: (0.0.V. DISTANT. BING-BONG) Would customers please avoid the Upper Docking Bay, which is blocked by an Icefall? Thank you. (BING-BONG)

# 12. INT. RESTRICTED ZONE.

(THE ICE STATUE IS SHROUDED IN MUSLIN AND THE SCULPTOR HAS GONE.

HESS RUNS HIS HAND OVER THE MUSLIN.

HE TURNS TO THE COFFIN-LIKE CABINET AND OPENS IT.

SUPER-COOLED GASES FLOW OUT.

A PROMINENT TEMPERATURE GAUGE SHOWS THE TEMPERATURE IN THE RESTRICTED ZONE AS SUB-ZERO, AND THE TEMPERATURE WITHIN THE CABINET AS 270°C.

HESS GETS INTO THE CABINET AND LIES DOWN.

THE CABINET CLOSES.

THROUGH A WINDOW IN A DOOR TO THE RESTRICTED ZONE, WE SEE BELAZS LOOKING IN)

# 13. INT. HESS'S CONTROL ROOM.

(BELAZS IS LOOKING THROUGH THE WINDOW PANEL TO THE RESTRICTED ZONE.

SHE TURNS TO THE CONTROL DESK, AND JABS AT THE INTERCOM BUTTON.

KRACAUER'S VOICE REPLIES:)

KRACAUER: Yes, sir?

BELAZS: It's me - Belazs. Mr. Hess has changed his mind about Glitz's spacecraft. It's not to be destroyed. Do you understand?

KRACAUER: The spacecraft is not
to be destroyed.

BELAZS: That's correct.

(SHE SWITCHES THE INTERCOM OFF, AND LOOKS UP UNCERTAINLY, FEELING AT THE PALM OF HER HAND)

### 14. INT. ICE PASSAGE 1A.

(Note: The Ice Passages are crystalline and mineral structures, with a lattice geometry that is obviously not artificial, yet is more ordered than random rock caverns. The upper sections of Iceworld have a superstructure of gantries and ladders, but elsewhere, the journey through the ice passages involves much scrambling over and down the crystalline formations. The upper sections are lit artificially. The lower passages are a combination of dark, shadowy black ice, and soft, multicoloured light that refracts and reflects through the crystals. Given the variations offered by the presence or absence of superstructure, and the different lighting, it should be possible to make 3 sets look like at least 9 different sections of Ice Passage. In the scene headings, the letters refer to variations on a set: thus, Ice Passages 1A and 1B are different versions of the same set, whereas 2A and 3A are different sets)

(AN ICE PASSAGE NEAR THE UPPER LEVELS. METAL WALKWAYS ALLOW ACCESS AND PASSAGE.

THE DOCTOR AND GLITZ APPEAR.

THE DOCTOR CONSULTS THE MAP)

THE DOCTOR: See any ice gardens, or singing trees, Glitz?

GLITZ: We're still too close to the upper levels, Doctor. Let's cast me eyes over the map.

(THE DOCTOR PASSES THE MAP TO GLITZ)

THE DOCTOR: Well, we've just come from that direction - so I would suggest ...

(THE DOCTOR SWINGS ROUND ERRATICALLY LIKE A COMPASS.

CHOOSING AN OPPOSITE DIRECTION)

... that direction.

GLITZ: After you, then, Doctor.

(THE DOCTOR STRIDES ON)

THE DOCTOR: (AS HE DISAPPEARS) And keep your eyes peeled for singing trees and ice gardens ...

# 15. INT. ACE'S QUARTERS.

(A SORT OF
FUTURISTIC BEDSIT
NOT GLEAMING WHITE,
BUT DULL, DIRTY
METALWORK. THE
PLACE IS A PIGSTY,
NOT ONLY THE USUAL
TEENAGE DETRITUS,
WITH DISCARDED
CLOTHES. EVERYWHERE,
BUT ALSO ARRAYS OF
CHEMISTRY EQUIPMENT.

THE ROOM BEARS
THE STAINS OF
EXPERIMENTS GONE
WRONG, AND FOUL
LIQUIDS CONGEAL
IN FLASKS AND
TUBES.

A POSTER BEARING THE LEGEND 'THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME' IS COVERED WITH THE SCRAWL OF CHEMICAL EQUATIONS)

ANNOUNCER: (0.0.V.) (BING-BONG)
If there's anyone in the Emergency
Control Room, would you please answer
the phone? Thank you. (BING-BONG)

(THE DOOR OPENS, AND ACE ENTERS, WITH MEL TRUDGING BEHIND HER.

ACE FLOPS ONTO THE BED.

MEL HOVERS IN THE DOORWAY)

ACE: Well, come in then, if you're going to.

(MEL CLOSES THE DOOR, AND PICKS HER WAY THROUGH THE DEBRIS)

He really gets up my nostrils, that Glitz.

MEL: Oh, I suppose he's all right underneath.

ACE: No - I'll tell you what he is underneath. He's a grade-A, 100-per-cent div. That's what he is. (MIMICS A MACHO SWAGGER) 'It's too dangerous for girls ...'

(MEL HAS BEEN
HALF-TIDYING SOME
OF ACE'S CLOTHES,
TO CLEAR A SPACE
TO SIT)

(IRRITATED) Look, leave them alone, will you?

MEL: I was only trying to make room to sit.

ACE: Well, just sit on top of them, can't you - like everyone else does. Or aren't my clothes good enough for you to sit on?

MEL: All right, all right ...

ACE: (GRUDGING) Well - I've been meaning to do the washing for a couple of days ...

MEL: (CAN'T HELP SAYING IT) Looks more like a couple of weeks ...

ACE: (FLARES UP) All right, then - a couple of weeks! Satisfied?

MEL: Sorry ...

ACE: Strewth, you're just like the teachers at school used to be. (MIMICS) 'How do you expect to pass Chemistry A-Level if you can't even store the equipment properly ...?'

MEL: A-Level? You're from Earth?

ACE: Used to be.

MEL: Where, on Earth?

ACE: Perivale.

MEL: Sounds nice.

ACE: (CYNICALLY) You ever been there? It's in the pits of London. (BEAT) I was doing this brill experiment to extract nitroglycerin from gelignite, but I think something must have gone wrong. This time storm blows up from nowhere and whisks me here.

MEL: When was this?

ACE: Does it matter?

MEL: Don't you want to go back?

ACE: Not particularly.

MEL: What about your Mum and Dad?

(ACE TURNS ON MEL FURIOUSLY)

ACE: (BLAZING) I don't have no Mum and Dad! I've never had no Mum and Dad! And I don't want no Mum and Dad! It's just me - all right?

MEL: (TAKEN ABACK) Sorry ...

(ACE RELAXES)

(CAUTIOUS) What about your Chemistry A-Level, then?

ACE: (BITTER) That's no good.

I got suspended after I blew up the Art Room.

MEL: You blew up the Art Room ...?

ACE: It was only a small explosion. But they couldn't understand how blowing up the Art Room was a creative act. All they cared about was how the First Years' pottery pigs got blown through the wall and halfway across the sports field. So they suspended me.

ANNOUNCER: (0.0.V.) (BING-BONG)
If anyone sees any member of the
emergency services, could you please
ask them to pop along to the Upper
Docking Bay when they've a moment
to spare? Thank you. (BING-BONG)

ACE: (IRRITATED) Isn't anyone going to do anything about that icefall in the Docking Bay?

(ACE STARTS COLLECTING UP OLD, BATTERED AEROSOL CANS, IN AN "ICEWORLD" PLASTIC CARRIER BAG AND HANDING THEM TO MEL)

Here - take these.

MEL: Deodorant?

ACE: They're just old cans. They've got home-made Nitro-9 in them now.

MEL: (SUSPICIOUS) Nitro-9 ...?

ACE: It's just like ordinary nitroglycerin - except it's got more wallop. Careful you don't drop them.

(MEL ISN'T SURE WHETHER TO DROP THE CANS, OR HANG ONTO THEM FOR GRIM DEATH.

ACE SHOVES A FLASK OF NITRIC ACID, AND OR TWO OTHER SUNDRIES, INTO A CANVAS SHOULDER BAG.

SHE THEN DIVES OUT OF THE DOOR)

(0.0.V.) Come on.

### 16. INT. RESTRICTED ZONE.

(CAUTIOUSLY, BELAZS OPENS THE DOOR FROM HESS'S CONTROL ROOM, AND STEPS INSIDE.

SHE LOOKS ROUND, AND THEN STEPS FURTHER INTO THE GLOOM.

THE CABINET IS CLOSED, AND THE ICE STATUE SHROUDED IN MUSLIN.

BELAZS APPROACHES THE ICE STATUE, AND LOOKS AT IT.

SLOWLY, SHE BEGINS TO LIFT THE MUSLIN.

THEN, SUDDENLY)

HESS: (0.0.V.) What are you doing
in the Restricted Zone?

(BELAZS STARTS, AND DROPS THE MUSLIN.

SHE TURNS, AND REGARDS HER PRESENCE OF MIND.

THE CABINET IS NOW OPEN)

BELAZS: I was looking for you.
There's been a icefall in the Upper
Docking Bay, and the emergency services
haven't responded.

HESS: Must I do everything myself?
Go there immediately, and take charge
of the situation.

BELAZS: Of course.

(BELAZS LEAVES.

HESS LOOKS AT THE DISTURBED MUSLIN)

### 17. INT. ALIEN CHAMBER.

(LIGHT STRINGS OF ICICLES HANG DOWN IN FORMATIONS AND SWAY IN THE CURRENTS OF AIR. THEY LOOK RATHER LIKE WEEPING WILLOWS.

THERE IS THE FAINT SOUND OF ETHEREAL VOICES SINGING IN THE BREEZE.

LARGER FORMATIONS,
CONSISTING OF A
CRYSTALLINE STRUCTURE
INTERCONNECTED WITH
GOLD AND OTHER
METALLIC MINERALS,
STAND ON THE GROUND.
THESE LARGER
STRUCTURES DON'T
SEEM TO BE NATURAL.
THEY SEEM TO HAVE
SOME FUNCTION ALTHOUGH THEY'RE
ALMOST PIECES OF
ART)

GLITZ: (0.0.V.) What do you suppose a Lake of Oblivion looks like, then, Doctor?

(THE DOCTOR
APPEARS THROUGH
AN ARCH.

GLITZ FOLLOWS)

THE DOCTOR: I haven't the faintest ... (cont ...)

(TAILS OFF AS HE SEES INSIDE THE CHAMBER.

(THE DOCTOR LOOKS ROUND, AND LISTENS TO THE SINGING VOICES:)

THE DOCTOR: (cont) But I think we've just found the singing trees ...

GLITZ: These aren't trees.

THE DOCTOR: Use your imagination, Glitz. Willow-trees - something like that ...

GLITZ: Yeah - I see what you mean. But where's the singing coming from?

THE DOCTOR: Air currents, I'd imagine. Causing the crystal membranes to vibrate.

GLITZ: I bet this is worth a crown or two.

(HE POCKETS A COUPLE OF LARGE CRYSTALS)

THE DOCTOR: Beautiful, isn't it? But what does it do?

GLITZ: Do?

THE DOCTOR: Yes - it's some kind of opto-electronic circuit. But why? What's it doing here?

GLITZ: You mean someone built all this?

THE DOCTOR: Not humans, certainly. This is beyond human technology.

GLITZ: (WORRIED) Dragons ... ?

THE DOCTOR: (WITH A TWINKLE) Possibly ...

(GLITZ SHIVERS)

Come on, Glitz. Time and tide butter no parsnips ... I'd like to be back by suppertime.

(THE DOCTOR STRIDES ON THROUGH THE SECOND ARCH.

GLITZ LOOKS ROUND AGAIN, AND SHIVERS AGAIN)

#### 18. INT. UPPER DOCKING BAY.

(A KIND OF LARGE
HANGER. SOMEWHERE
A LARGE SIGN
INDICATES THAT
THIS IS THE
"UPPER DOCKING BAY".
THE ROOF SECTION
HAS COLLAPSED, AND
AN ICEFALL IS
BLOCKING THE WAY.

KRACAUER AND BAZIN AND EISENSTEIN ARE TRYING TO SHIFT THE RUBBLE BY HAND)

KRACAUER: (TO A BAZIN) Grab the
other end of this, and lift.

(BAZIN TAKES THE OTHER END OF A FALLEN GIRDER, AND BEGINS TO LIFT IT.

ACE APPEARS, WITH MEL IN TOW.

SHE SURVEYS THE SCENE)

ACE: Gordon Bennett! What a mess! And what do they think they're doing? It'll take them months to shift it all at that rate!

(ACE TURNS TO MEL, WHO IS GINGERLY CARRYING THE AEROSOLS)

Here, let me have a couple of those.

(ACE EXCHANGES
HER SHOULDERBAG FOR A COUPLE
OF AEROSOLS)

MEL: You're not going to use those, are you ...?

(ACE GRINS IMPISHLY, AND NODS.

SHE WHEELS ROUND, AND MARCHES UP TO THE ICEFALL.

SHE BEGINS TO POSITION THE AEROSOLS IN THE DEBRIS)

ACE: (TO KRACAUER) If I were you lot, I'd go for your tea break now.

(KRACAUER LOOKS UP)

KRACAUER: Why?

(HE SEES THE AEROSOLS)

(SUSPICIOUS) What's in those cans?

(ACE SMILES DEFIANTLY)

ACE: Nitro-9. (cont ...)

(CALMLY, ACE PULLS THE NOZZLE OFF ONE AEROSOL, THEN THE OTHER.

ACE STANDS FOR A MOMENT, PLAYING CHICKEN WITH KRACAUER)

ACE: (cont) We've got eight seconds.
Last one back's a gooey mess ...

(SHE DIVES FOR COVER.

KRACAUER DOESN'T BELIEVE THIS IS HAPPENING TO HIM.

HE WHEELS QUICKLY ROUND)

KRACAUER: (SHOUTS TO EVERYONE)
It's nitro! Everybody get down!

(FINALLY HE THINKS TO SAVE HIS OWN IMMORTAL SOUL, AND DIVES FOR COVER.

WE SEE ACE'S FACE POP UP FROM BEHIND HER COVER JUST IN TIME TO BE LIT UP WITH EXPLOSION.

HER EXPRESSION BLAZES WITH DELIGHT AS SHE SURVEYS THE RESULTS OF HER HANDIWORK)

ACE: Ace!

(MEL PEEPS OUT, AND LOOKS NERVOUSLY AT ACE)

### 19. INT. ICE PASSAGE 2B.

(SHADOWY BLACK ICE.

THE DOCTOR AND GLITZ APPEAR, SLIPPING AS THEY PICK THEIR WAY THROUGH THE ICE BOULDERS)

GLITZ: (MUTTERS) Oh, this is out of order - definitely out of order ...

(HE YELPS AS HE SLIPS ON SOME ICE)

Look out ...!

(GLITZ GRABS AT A PROTRUDING SHAFT OF ICE AS HE FALLS.

THE SHAFT OF ICE IS LOOSE, AND PULLS AWAY.

A LARGE BEAM OF ICE FALLS ON GLITZ)

THE DOCTOR: Glitz ...!

(AS THE RUBBLE SETTLES, THE DOCTOR SEES GLITZ TRAPPED BENEATH THE FALLEN BEAM)

Glitz - you all right?

GLITZ: Er ... Can I come back to you on that one?

(GLITZ TRIES TO MOVE.

HE CAN'T)

I seem to be stuck ...

THE DOCTOR: Hang on ...

(THE DOCTOR BEGINS TO WRESTLE WITH THE HEAVY BEAM OF ICE.

SUDDENLY, THE WALLS SHIFT AGAIN)

GLITZ: Look out!

(THE DOCTOR FLINCHES.

A RAZOR SHARP SHAFT OF ICE SLIPS, AND COMES TO REST JUST ABOVE GLITZ.

GLITZ AND THE DOCTOR LOOK AT THE DANGEROUS SHAFT OF ICE, AND THEN AT EACH OTHER)

On the whole, I think I'd rather be losing at cards.

THE DOCTOR: Hang on - soon have you out of there.

(THE DOCTOR STRAINS AT THE ICE BEAM ONCE MORE.

HE ONLY MANAGES TO SHIFT IT A COUPLE OF CENTIMETRES)

GLITZ: You're going to do yourself a permanent, if you're not careful, Doctor.

THE DOCTOR: (STRAINING) I said: I'd have you out of there ...

(THE ICE SHIFTS
AGAIN, AND THE
DANGEROUS SHAFT
DROPS EVEN CLOSER
TO GLITZ)

GLITZ: (NERVOUS) What odds you
offering ... ?

(THEY GLANCE AT EACH OTHER)

### 20. INT. UPPER DOCKING BAY.

(THE ICEFALL HAS BEEN CLEARED BY ACE'S EXPLOSION.

ACE IS BEAMING AS SHE SURVEYS THE CHAOS.

BELAZS ARRIVES)

BELAZS: (TO KRACAUER) What's going on? Who did this?

(EVERYONE TURNS AND LOOKS ACCUSINGLY AT MEL AND ACE.

ACE DOES HER
BEST TO LOOK
INNOCENT. THE
EFFECT IS RATHER
SPOILT BY MEL
CLUTCHING NERVOUSLY
AT HALF A DOZEN
CANS OF HIGH
EXPLOSIVE.

BELAZS TURNS ON THEM)

You two are under arrest. (TO EISENSTEIN) Take them away.

ACE: Hang about! What have we done ...?

(THE GUARDS HAUL THEM OFF, ACE SQUAWKING IN PROTEST)

### 21. INT. ICE PASSAGE 2B.

(THE DOCTOR IS STILL STRUGGLING WITH THE BEAM OF ICE.

HE USES HIS BROLLY TO HACK AWAY AT THE ICE AND MAKE SOME HAND HOLES.

GLITZ, MEANWHILE IS ENJOYING THE REST)

GLITZ: Take your time ...

(THE DOCTOR GIVES HIM A LOOK.

THE ICE SETTLES AGAIN.

NOW THE DANGEROUS SHAFT OF ICE IS ONLY CENTIMETRES AWAY FROM GLITZ. THIS CHANGES THINGS)

(WORRIED) Come on, Doctor - extract your digit ... before I get perforated ... (cont...)

(FINALLY, THE DOCTOR MANAGES TO HEAVE THE BEAM SUFFICIENTLY CLEAR FOR GLITZ TO SCRAMBLE OUT.

AS GLITZ SCRAMBLES CLEAR, THE ICE SETTLES AGAIN.

THE DANGEROUS SHAFT CRASHES DOWN WHERE GLITZ WAS LYING.

GLITZ DUSTS HIMSELF DOWN)

GLITZ: (cont) I don't understand you, Doctor. If you'd left me, you could have had the treasure all to yourself.

THE DOCTOR: Fortunately, Glitz, not everybody thinks along those lines.

GLITZ: You're an odd fish, aren't you?

THE DOCTOR: Well - thank you ... It brings out the best in me when I know someone's relying on me.

GLITZ: Relying on you? Nah - you're mistaken. I never rely on anyone. Come on, let's get after those ice gardens ...

## 22. INT. HESS'S CONTROL ROOM.

(MEL AND ACE ARE STANDING IN FRONT OF HESS, WITH BELAZS TO ONE SIDE)

HESS: (TO ACE) Quite a little expert
with explosives, I hear?

ACE: (DEFIANT) Yeah? So what if I am?

HESS: Excellent. I like women with
fire in their bellies. Don't I,
Belazs?

(BELAZS REFUSES TO ACKNOWLEDGE THIS)

(TO ACE) I might yet have a use for you.

ACE: Oh, yeah? And what makes you think I'd be interested in you?

HESS: I can be very persuasive.

ACE: I'm not frightened of you.

HESS: Good. Because I need people
like you in my army of mercenaries.

ACE: You what?

HESS: Think about it. (SEDUCTIVE)
Travelling round the twelves galaxies.
The diamond sparkle of meteorite
showers ... The rainbow flashes
of an ion storm ... Think about it ...

MEL: Don't listen to him, Ace.

(BUT ACE IS TORN BY THE OFFER)

HESS: How old are you?

ACE: Sixt ... Eighteen.

HESS: Eighteen, eh? No home to
call your own? The twelve galaxies
are your home. Come with me ... I
understand you ...

MEL: (DESPERATE) It won't be
like that, Ace! Don't believe him!

(BUT ACE IS TRANSFIXED.

HESS REMOVES A GLOVE.

INSIDE THE GLOVE, HE HOLDS A GOLDEN SOVEREIGN)

HESS: Join me ... Take my golden
sovereign ...

(HE PLACES THIS ON THE CONTROL DESK.

ACE LOOKS DOWN AT IT)

Take the sovereign ...

(SLOWLY, ACE REACHES TOWARDS THE GOLDEN COIN)

MEL: Don't do it, Ace! Please don't do it ...

(BELAZS ALSO SEEMS TO BE WILLING ACE NOT TO TAKE THE COIN)

HESS: Take it ...

(WITH A SNATCH, ACE GRABS THE COIN)

MEL: No ...

(AS SOON AS ACE
GRABS THE COIN,
THERE IS A SLIGHT
HISS OF BURNING,
AND ACE IMMEDIATELY
DROPS THE COIN
AGAIN)

ACE: (EXCLAMATION OF PAIN) Agh!

(ACE LOOKS DOWN AT HER HAND.

THE ICEWORLD INSIGNIA IS NOW BRANDED ONTO HER PALM.

HESS CACKLES IN TRIUMPH)

#### 23. INT. ICE PASSAGE 3C.

(A SOFT RAINBOW GLOW FILTERS THROUGH THE WALLS AND ROOF OF ICE, AND SPARKLES IN THE FROST.

GLITZ IS HELPING THE DOCTOR OVER AN OUTCROP OF ICE)

GLITZ: Mind how you go ...

(AS THE DOCTOR
JUMPS DOWN,
GLITZ SEES A
SMALL ICE FORMATION,
A BIT LIKE AN
ANEMONE IN SHAPE)

THE DOCTOR: I should have brought my ice boots.

(GLITZ LOOKS FURTHER, AND SEES MORE FLOWER-LIKE CLUSTERS OF ICE.

THE DOCTOR IS STRIDING ON)

And don't forget to keep your eyes peeled. (cont...)

(GLITZ LOOKS
BACK TO THE
DOCTOR. THE DOCTOR
ISN'T WATCHING HIM)

THE DOCTOR: (cont) (0.0.V.) I should hate to walk right past an Ice Garden or a Lake of Oblivion without noticing them.

(GLITZ SNEAKS AWAY, FOLLOWING THE TRAIL OF ICE FLOWERS.

THE DOCTOR TURNS BACK TO GLITZ. THERE'S NO-ONE THERE)

Glitz? Glitz?

(BUT NOT RESPONSE.

THERE ARE TWO OR THREE POSSIBLE ROUTES AWAY FROM THIS SPOT)

(SHOUTS) Glitz!

(ALL HE HEARS ARE HIS OWN ECHOES.

HE TENTATIVELY
STARTS IN ONE
DIRECTION, THEN
CHANGES HIS MIND,
AND LEAVES IN
A DIFFERENT
DIRECTION)

# 24. INT. HESS'S CONTROL ROOM.

(HESS IS INSPECTING ACE.

SHE NOW WEARS A MILITARY UNIFORM -SORT OF SNOW COMMANDO.

BELAZS AND MEL LOOK ON)

HESS: Yes - a uniform does something
for you. Wouldn't you say, Belazs ...?

(BELAZS'S EYES SPIT JEALOUSY)

MEL: You're turning her into a toy soldier.

(HESS TURNS ON MEL)

HESS: But what are we going to do
with your friend? I think you've
heard altogether too much. (TO BELAZS)
Take her down to the cryongenics chamber,
and have her processed ...

(BELAZS GRABS MEL.

MEL STRUGGLES AND LOOKS TO ACE.

ACE DOESN'T REACT)

### 25. INT. ICE PASSAGE 3C.

(AN ICE FACE. IT GLOWS WITH A RAINBOW IRRIDESCENCE.

THE DOCTOR APPEARS AT THE TOP.

HE PEERS OVER THE EDGE AND LOOKS DOWN.

HE BEGINS TO
CLAMBER DOWN THE
ICE FACE, USING
HIS BROLLY TO
HOOK OVER
PROTRUDING EDGES.
HE HASN'T GOT
VERY FAR, WHEN
HE SLIPS AND FALLS.

HE'S LEFT HANGING ONTO HIS BROLLY, SWINGING HELPLESSLY)

### 26. INT. CRYOGENICS CHAMBER.

(EISENSTEIN IS PREPARING MEL TO BE DEEP FROZEN.

BELAZS AND ACE LOOK ON)

ACE: But I don't see why she has to be frozen. She won't do any harm.

BELAZS: She knows too much. She's too dangerous. And she knows about the secret mercenary force.

ACE: Well - I'll look after her, then.

BELAZS: (SHARP) You will do as you are ordered!

(IN ACE'S EXPRESSION, WE SEE HER RESENTMENT AT BEING ORDERED AROUND)

#### 27. INT. ICE PASSAGE 3C.

(THE DOCTOR IS STILL DANGLING HELPLESSLY.

AS HE HANGS, HE BEGINS TO EXAMINE THE ICE CRYSTALS IN FRONT OF HIM.

GLITZ APPEARS AT THE TOP OF THE ICE FACE, AND SEES THE DOCTOR)

GLITZ: Doctor!

(THE DOCTOR LOOKS UP)

THE DOCTOR: Ah, Glitz. I was wondering where you'd disappeared to.

(THE DOCTOR INDICATES ONE OF THE ICE CRYSTALS HE'S BEEN EXAMINING)

You know, the geometry of these ice crystals is absolutely fascinating but ... ah ...my arms are beginning to get a bit tired.

GLITZ: I thought you might ... (EMBARRASSED) I thought you might be ... er ... relying on me ...

(THE DOCTOR SMILES)

### 28. INT. CRYOGENICS CHAMBER.

(ACE IS WATCHING ANXIOUSLY, AT THE TUBE DESCENDS ROUND MEL.

FINALLY, ACE WHIPS AN AEROSOL OUT OF HER CANVAS BAG.

SHE HOLDS IT MENACINGLY BY BELAZS'S HEAD)

ACE: Right - freeze!

(SHE REALIZES WHAT SHE'S JUST SAID)

I mean ... don't freeze! I mean ... stand still! And unfreeze her! One move from you and they'll be scraping you off the ceiling.

BELAZS: (TO EISENSTEIN) Do as she
says.

(EISENSTEIN REVERSES THE PROCESS, AND THE TUBE BEGINS TO RISE)

MEL: Thanks, Ace!

(BELAZS TO ACE, OVER HER SHOULDER)

BELAZS: You stupid girl! You think Hess will let you walk away, just like that?

ACE: Unless he wants to argue with a can of deodorant that registers nine on the Richter scale ...

(MEL IS NOW FREE)

(TO MEL) Come on!

(THE TWO WOMEN DISAPPEAR)

### 29. INT. ICE PASSAGE 1B.

(SHADOWY BLACK ICE.

THE DOCTOR AND GLITZ APPEAR)

GLITZ: (NERVOUS) Do you get the feeling something's watching us, Doctor?

THE DOCTOR: It's just tricks of the light. Shadows dancing in the corner of your eye.

GLITZ: Yeah ...

(BUT NEITHER OF THEM IS CONVINCED)

# 30. INT. RESTRICTED AREA.

(THE SCULPTOR IS TAPPING AWAY AT THE ICE STATUE AGAIN.

IT IS BEGINNING TO TAKE ON THE RECOGNIZABLE FORM OF A FIGURE, BUT WE DON'T SEE THE FACE.

HESS IS LOOKING ON, AS THE SCULPTOR WORK ON SOME DETAIL OF THE FACE)

HESS: (TRANSFIXED) A dilligent
worker ... A craftsman ... With just
a few simple lines, you have managed
to recreate the incandescent beauty
of the original ... Perfect ...!

# 31. INT. ICE PASSAGE 1B.

(THE DOCTOR AND GLITZ ARE CONTINUING TO MAKE THEIR WAY WARILY ALONG THE PASSAGE.

SUDDENLY, GLITZ WHIPS HIS GUN OUT AND SPINS ROUND)

### GLITZ: Look out!

(A SHADOWY FIGURE DOWN THE PASSAGE, ALSO WITH A GUN, CONFRONTS THE DOCTOR AND GLITZ.

GLITZ AND THE STRANGER OPEN FIRE SIMULTANEOUSLY.

THE DOCTOR IS TRAPPED IN THE HEAVY CROSS-FIRE)

## 32. INT. ICE PASSAGE 2B.

(MEL AND ACE APPEAR, MAKING THEIR WAY THROUGH THE GLOOM)

MEL: Hang on. Are you sure this is the right way?

ACE: Course I'm sure.

MEL: It all looks the same, in the dark. We could get lost.

ACE: What's the matter? Don't you trust me?

MEL: (NERVOUS) It's just that ... Well ... the dragon and all that ...

ACE: (SCOFFS) The dragon? That's just to frighten little children.

(SOMETHING STIRS IN THE SHADOWS BEHIND ACE.

MEL SEES IT)

It's like witches and goblins. There ain't no such thing.

(A HUGE CREATURE RISES OUT OF THE SHADOWS BEHIND ACE.

MEL SEES IT.

ACE SEES MEL'S REACTION, AND TURNS.

SHE IS CONFRONTED BY A HUGE CREATURE BREATHING FIRE.

MEL SCREAMS.

HER SCREAMS ARE TOPPED BY THE FAMILIAR CRESCENDO OF THE FINAL CREDITS ...)

FADE OUT